and its salient features were circulated to States/Union Territories, seeking their comments. In order to discuss and finalize the matter, the Union Finance Minister had convened a meeting of the Finance Ministers of all the States/UTs, on 30 November 2004. During the meeting, a wide variety of views were received from the States/Union Territories. The States demanded that power to levy tax on service should be given to the States and that revenues from the service tax should be distributed between Centre and States in the ratio of 50:50 etc. Since no consensus could be arrived at in the meeting, it was decided that the minutes of the meeting would be forwarded to the States/Union Territories, so that the States can reconsider their views. The revised views of the States are still awaited.

Incidents of thefts in banks

†1465. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of small and big incidents of theft and loot in the public sector banks in the country during the last two years; and

(b) the details of the total amount of money looted from the banks during this period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) and (b) As per the information furnished by Reserve Bank of India (RBI), the total number of small and big incidents of theft and loot in the Public Sector Banks during the last two years and the amount involved therein is given below:

Year	No. of incidents	Amount (Rs. in lakh)
2003	107	652.79
2004	125	846.08

MoU with States under FRF scheme

1466. SHRI SURESH BHARDWAJ: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has signed Memorandum of Understanding with State Governments under Fiscal Reforms Facility (FRF) Scheme;

(b) if so, the details of the State Governments who have signed the MoU and benefits being given to them; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) the names of those State Governments who have not signed the MoU along with details of penalties imposed, if any, for not signing the MoU?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) All State Governments, barring Goa and Haryana, have signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Government of India. Such a State, if it achieves stipulated improvement in the ratio of revenue deficit to revenue receipts, is provided incentive out of Rs. 10,607 crore incentive fund. The States which have not signed MoUs have not been provided this incentive. Statewise incentive allocated and released is given in the statement (*See* below). In addition, such states have been assisted for structural reforms also.

Statement

Allocation and Release of Incentive Fund to States as on Date (Rs. in Crs.)

		2000-05	
Sl.	States	Allocation	Released so far
1	2	3	4
1.	Andhra Pradesh	424.87	221.61
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	188.76	113.01
3.	Assam	159.44	91.11
4.	Bihar	411.41	312.3
5.	Chhattisgarh	113.66	35.15
6.	Goa	7.76	0
7.	Gujarat	260.73	55.40
8.	Haryana	98.02	0
9.	Himachal Pradesh	716.18	318.19
10.	Jammu & Kashmir	1726.77	1016.79
11.	Jharkhand	138.94	42.95
12.	Karnataka	286.15	217.23
13.	Kerala	208.48	69.05
14.	Madhya Pradesh	293.14	97.71
15.	Maharashtra	492.33	55.55
16	Manipur	272.23	239.73
17.	Meghalaya	245.75	154.37
18.	Mizoram	254.7	53.43

1	2	3	4
19	Nagaland	535.48	422.97
20	Orissa	315.35	263.73
21	Punjab	174.97	65.03
22	Rajasthan	438.33	231.45
23	Sikkim	128.15	51.7
24	Tamil Nadu	402.36	305.44
25	Tripura	377.31	225.94
26	Uttar Pradesh	972	579.44
27	Uttaranchal	44.77	24.59
28	West Bengal	919.68	712.65
	TOTAL	**10607.72**	**5976.52**

NBFCs in Gujarat

1467. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of non-banking unauthorised financial companies functioning in the State of Gujarat; and

(b) the action taken by Government against such non-banking financial companies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) have reported that at present, there are no instances of Unauthorised Non-Banking Financial Companies functioning in the State of Gujarat.

(b) Does not arise.

Pending accident cases for settlement of claims

1468. SHRI THANGA TAMIL SELVAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of motor accident cases pending for settlement of claim with various public sector Insurance Companies in southern region;

(b) the reasons for Insurance Comapanies making inordinate delay in the settlement of the amount awarded by the courts; and

(c) why the claim has not been settled so far, by the National Insurance Company in the MACOP No. 415 and 416 of 1997 award by MACT